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Dear Parent/Carer

They say that 24 hours is a long time in politics and after the Government announcement last night on facemasks in schools, I must agree! The media have been leading on this story all morning and I just wanted to very quickly update you on how it affects our school.

The new advice on facemasks is for those Local Authorities who currently have local restrictions in place. It was announced on the 20 August 2020 that restrictions in the Wigan Borough will be eased from today (26 August) and residents will now need to follow national guidelines.

Therefore, the information on facemasks that I provided yesterday does not change. As a reminder I have repeated it below:-

- The Government advice at the moment is that pupils do not need to wear face masks in school, although this is subject to change. However, if you wish your child to wear one, they will be able to do so as long as they follow the official guidance, which can be found [here](#).

If Wigan were to go back under local restrictions, I will write to you again to inform you that we will be implementing the new guidance for all staff and pupils to wear facemasks in communal areas of school.

I will keep you as up to date as much as possible during these times of changing advice and guidance.

Yours faithfully



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